IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 30. *cancelled*

31. *(original)* A method of providing message notification in a telephone network having a voicemail server, said method comprising:

providing a unique ID number associated with message status, and

responding to a CPE device to transmit said unique ID number according to the presence or absence of a message in said voicemail server.

32. *(original)* The method of claim 31, wherein said unique ID number comprises a caller-ID.

33. *(original)* The method of claim 31, further comprising:

providing multiple unique ID numbers for multiple mailboxes of said voicemail server, and

responding to the CPE device to transmit one of the multiple unique ID numbers associated with a mailbox having a voicemail message.

34. *(original)* The method of claim 31, further comprising:

providing call-waiting in the telephone network, and

interrupting the responding step in response to an incoming call by detecting one of a caller-ID signal and an in-band call-waiting tone.